U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Requesting Partners for Fish & Wildlife Project Proposals

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is soliciting project proposals for its Partners for Fish & Wildlife program. Funds are available from this program for the purpose of creating, protecting, restoring, and enhancing wildlife habitats that benefit Federal trust species, which include federally listed threatened and endangered species, waterfowl, shorebirds, and migratory birds.

Project proposals must be submitted to USFWS by 3 p.m., Monday, February 7, 2005.

Partners funds must be used for on-the-ground projects. Landowners are reimbursed for the costs they incur in implementing projects. Landowners' contributions towards the project are encouraged and taken into consideration when the Service selects projects for funding.

Since 1992, Partners has provided funding and technical support to private landowners, tribes, counties, and other non-federal entities in Arizona. Up to \$25,000 is available for each Partners project.

The major goals of the Partners program are:

Protect Federal fish and wildlife trust species

Protect and restore valuable habitat on private lands

Restore biological diversity

Reduce habitat fragmentation

Develop partnerships to restore habitat

Provide technical assistance to landowners

Promote environmental education

In the past 13 years, the Partners program has provided over \$1,000,000 to private landowners to improve habitat quality in Arizona.

Application forms for submitting project proposals are available on the Arizona Partners for Fish and Wildlife web site at: http://arizonaes.fws.gov/Documents/PFW_Documents/PFW_2005.pdf.

For guidance on preparing an application or for more information about the Partners program, contact Kris Randall, at 602 242-0210 ext. 250 email kris_randall@fws.gov. Project proposals are may be mailed to this address:



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